# GAP'S CROWN VINEYARD

# Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir



### VINEYARD NOTES

Our estate vineyard, Gap's Crown, is regarded by fans and critics as one of the most famous pinot noir and chardonnay vineyards in California. The site's unique western-facing slope, superior drainage, and heavy wind and fog influences from the Petaluma Gap and San Pablo Bay result in world-class wine.

### **VINTAGE NOTES**

The 2020 vintage started with a mild winter and lighter than normal rainfall. During flowering, we saw some of that rain, resulting in a poorer "set" of berries. Lower yields concentrate flavors into fewer clusters and fewer berries, so what we lost in yield, we gained in quality. The year took a unique turn when our hospitality team was deployed to the vineyard, helping with shoot thinning and suckering in Springtime due to the pandemic-related Adobe closure. We were also able to make on-the-spot decisions regarding heat spikes later in the year; an absolute advantage of farming our own lands, we were able to take immediate, decisive actions with our vineyard team. With our constant collaboration between winemaking and farming teams, the resulting wines shine, exhibiting incredible concentration and complexity: a bright spot from an otherwise challenging year.

# THREE STICKS PINOT NOIR SONOMA COAST GAP'S CROWN VINEYARD 2020

## TASTING NOTES

On the nose, you'll find dense, dark blueberry notes -a hallmark of this famous site-leading into zesty orange peel, aromatic black tea, and blackberry compote on the palate. With lingering flavors of caramel and an energetic finish, this pinot noir overdelivers year after year.

APPELLATION:
Sonoma Coast
VARIETAL CONTENT:
100% Pinot Noir
SOIL:
Cobbley Clay Loam
CLONES:
Rochioli, Swan, 115, 828, 667, 777
FERMENTATION:
Open Top Fermenter
FERMENTATION LENGTH:
TERRITATION EEROITII

WHOLE CLUSTER:
20%
MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION:
100%
BARREL AGING:
15 Months
BARREL COMPOSITION:
100% French Oak; 56% New
ALCOHOL CONTENT:
14.0%
TOTAL ACIDITY (TA):
$6.6\mathrm{g/L}$

PH:
3.48
PRODUCTION
872 Cases
SRP:
\$75
RELEASE DATE:
August 2022

We believe in stewardship of the land, the vineyards, and the people. We are for real connections, real history, real wines; experiences you will never forget. We welcome you to our home, the Adobe, for a historic tasting in Sonoma.

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